THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) State Governments have, from time to time, appealed to the Left Wing Extremists to abjure violence and hold talks with the Government on any issues that are of concern to them. As far as the Central Governments is concerned, it will welcome such talks between State Governments and Left Wing Extremists provided Left Wing Extremists abjure violence and give up their so-called "armed struggle." There is no proposal for the Central Government to hold talks directly with the Left Wing Extremists.

Governments continues to pursue a policy to deal with the naxalite activities in a holistic manner in the areas of security and development.

State Government deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities in the States. The Central Government supplements their efforts in several ways. These include modernization and upgradation of the State Police forces under various schemes; sharing of intelligence and facilitating inter-State coordination and assistance for integrated development of naxal affected areas through a range of schemes.

Empowering BSF in border areas

639. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Security Force (BSF) has asked the Union Government to provide them more powers and also to allow them to make arrests as well as conduct search and seizure operations in border areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in view of increase in crime at borders, the BSF want adequate powers under various provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code; and

(d) if so, the further reaction of Government in providing more powers to BSF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. BSF has already been conferred certain legal powers in the border areas under Criminal Procedure Code.

Institutions in northern India on LET hit list

640. SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prestigious National Defence College in New Delhi, two other leading boarding schools in North India, and other institutions have been on the hitlist of Pakistan based terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba;

(b) whether the US's FBI had confirmed such plans of the Pak based terrorists; and

(c) the Government's response and reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The intelligence and security agencies are aware of the threats posed by terrorist elements and their nefarious designs. The Government and its agencies also exchange information with their counterparts in other countries to combat terrorism through the established mechanisms. The Central and State Security/Intelligence Agencies also work in tandem, which has resulted in a number of possible terrorist strikes having been averted.

Areas in Delhi prone to traffic jams

641. SHRI SABIR ALI:
SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in Delhi which are prone to traffic jams;

(b) whether traffic jams are also taking place in Jamia Nagar in Okhla; and

(c) if so, what remedial action is being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The following areas in Delhi have been identified which are prone to slow discharge of traffic:-

1. Badarpur Border due to construction of six lane grade separator.
2. Kalindi Kunj Border due to narrow bridge on Agra Canal between Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.
3. Apsara Border due to construction of grade separator.
4. ISBT Anand Vihar due to construction of grade separator.
5. Karkari More and Vikas Marg due to poor road condition after construction of Metro.
6. NH-8 between Dhaula Kuan to Parade Road due to construction of Metro.
7. Ring Road at Naraina due to construction of Flyover.
8. Ring Road Azadpur due to construction of Flyover.
9. NH-24-Gazipur crossing due to construction of Flyover.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, there is congestion due to increase in vehicles plying on the road leading to Jamia in Okhla.